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† First, by Dr. Durell himself in the Appendix to his *View of the Government and publick Worship of God, in the Reformed Churches beyond the Seas*, pag. 339, 340. and then by Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Brookesby.

A LETTER written by Dr. PETER DU MOULIN  
to Dr. DURELL.

My Reverend Brother,

**T**O cast my Mite into the rich Treasury, which you are now furnishing, I must inform you of a remarkable Passage very pertinent to your Purpose. In the Year 1651, that Great and Good Man, my Lord Primate Usher, told me, That the Learned Mr. David Blondel had concluded his *Apologia pro Hieronymo* with Words to this Purpose: *By all that we have said to assert the Rights of the Presbytery, we do not intend to invalidate the Ancient and Apostolick Constitution of Episcopal Pre-eminence. But we believe that wheresoever it is established conformably to the Ancient Canons, it must be carefully preserved; and wheresoever by some Heat of Contention, or otherwise it has been put down, or violated, it ought to be reverently restored.*

The good Primate told me besides, that whereas the Book had been written at the earnest Request of the Assembly of Westminster, of the Scots especially, who had their Agents and Leagers in Paris, to strengthen their Party by misinforming the Protestants of France, and winning them to their Side: When these Agents saw this Conclusion of Mr. Blondel's Manuscript, they expostulated with him very loud, for marring all the Good he had done in his Book, disappointing the Expectation of the Assembly, and shewing himself an Enemy, instead of a Friend, to their Holy Covenant. This they urged

upon him with such Vehemency, and unwearied Importunity, that they prevailed with him to put out that Conclusion.

Having received this Information from a Person of so much Knowledge and Integrity, as that Famous Prelate; yet for a further Confirmation, I told it to Mr. John Blondel (David's Brother) then living in London, who denied that there was any Truth in that Report, and defended his Brother, as much wronged by it. If you think (said I) that I wrong your Brother, complain to him of me in your next Letter, and remember my kind Service to him. Mr. John Blondel did not fail to write to his Brother about this; and three or four Weeks after shewed me a Letter from him, wherein he remembered his Love to me, and acknowledged that that Relation was true.

This Advice I thought my self obliged to give you, knowing that no Man can make a better Use of it than your self, to whose Holy Labours about this Point the Church is so much indebted; and none more your Debtor in the Church, in that Regard, than,

S I R,  
Your most Affectionate Brother  
and Servant,  
Peter du Moulin.

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